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SUBJ: PRC RICE EXPORTS TO SRI LANKA

REF: STATE 231138

CY 1971: 137,000 MT OF WHICH 100,000 PURCHASED AT
BARTER UNDER SRI LANKA-PRC RICE-RUBBER AGREEMENT
(RRA) AND 37,000 PURCHASED FROM PROCEEDS OF PRC
CASH LOAN TO SRI LANKA.

CY 1972: 22,000 MT FROM PRC. 183,000 MT IMPORTED FROM
BURMA AGAINST PRC ACCOUNT UNDER THE RRA. PRICE
WAS STERLING POUNC 30.5118 PER TON.

CY 1973: UNDER RRA 200,000 MT OF WHICH 185,000 DELIVERED
AND 15,000 REPORTEDLY LOADING FOR DELIVERY NEAR
YEARS END. PRICE WAS STERLING POUNDS 50.50 PER
TON.

CY 1974: GSL HAS ALREADY ARRANGED 40,000 MT ADVANCE FOR DEC-
JAN DELIVERY ON TERMS TO BE NEGOTIATED DURING
ANNUAL RRA NEGOTIATIONS NOW SCHEDULED FOR MID-DEC IN
PEKING. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, GSL CURRENT
INTENTION IS TO PURCHASE TOTAL OF ABOUT 125,000
MT FOR 1974, INSTEAD OF CUSTOMARY 200,000 MT.
WHETHER GSL WILL BE ABLE STAY WITH REDUCED FIGURE
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WILL DEPEND LARGELY ON PROSPECTS FOR MAHA PADDY

CROP TO BE HARVESTED AROUND MARCH 1974.
CONTINUING DROUGHT IN MAJOR CEYLONESE
RICE-PRODUCING AREAS MAY FORCE GSL TO GO TO PRC
OR OTHER SOURCES FOR ADDITIONAL RICE IMPORTS.
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